

MINUTES

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSION

JUNE 23, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairman Pasquale Nuzzolillo. Also present were Commissioners Sam Muzio, Michael Zuccarelli, Peter Criscuolo, Daniel Fleming and Chief Vincent Landisio. Absent from the meeting was Deputy Chief Frank Gersz.

Chairman Nuzzolillo read the oath to Vincent Landisio III of West Ridge Company # 3. He thanked him for educating himself and for the commitment to the Town of North Haven. He then stated it was a pleasure to see the Chief's son following in his Father's footsteps and congratulated him on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission.

Chairman Nuzzolillo turned the meeting over to Chief Landisio recognizing the four (4) fire personnel for two (2) recent heart saves on April 27, 2010 and May 13, 2010. Chief gave a short presentation and then awarded the fire personnel for their dedication and outstanding job in saving a life.

Chairman Nuzzolillo congratulated all present on behalf of the commission for their hard work and dedication to the department and the Town of North Haven. He also stated what was witnessed demonstrates the importance of the Paramedic Program for the Town of North Haven. When saving lives in our community, every dollar spent makes it worth it. He then thanked the residents for supporting the Paramedic Program.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commission held on May 26, 2010. Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the minutes of May 26, 2010. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

The Chief's report was given; he spoke of items involving the department including the alarms; training that has been performed within the department; he spoke of recent accidents in Town, one (1) including a visit from a young woman whose life was saved at Orcutt Court; he spoke of the new intern from University of New Haven who is working with the Fire Department; he discussed the budget which recently passed at the referendum; he recently met with EAP personnel; and a Firefighter I class is being held in North Haven. Lastly, he stated injury/sick leave report to be discussed in executive session, Chairman Nuzzolillo agreed.

Chief Landisio then spoke of a few issues within the Town of North Haven. The first was a letter that was written against the fire department in the Advisor regarding burning; next was in regard to a television program (CT Images) with Jim Lahey speaking out about the fire departments overtime; and lastly the Board of Finance meeting that was held about one month ago where the department's overtime was also discussed at length. A lengthy discussion was then had amongst the commissioners on their views of

the situations. Chairman Nuzzolillo then stated on behalf of the Board of Fire Commission, we are all in total support of Chief Landisio and how he runs his budget.

Chief Landisio spoke of correspondence in the department. There was one (1) correspondence thanking the paramedics for saving a recent workers life while he was at their daughter's home doing work. In regards to this incident, Chief also received letters from Kevin Burns, EMS Coordinator and the head of nurses at Yale New Haven Hospital for the paramedic's field activation and performance in saving this patient's life. Lastly, a gentleman came into fire headquarters with chest pains recently and the outcome was the same as the first story. Chief Landisio is thankful for the paramedic program and the lives the department are saving.

Chief Landisio spoke of unfinished business for the department. He spoke of contract negotiations with Local 2987; he discussed the recent budget that passed with the fire department making sacrifices and the budget lines that have been impacted; he spoke of changes that will be made to the Rules & Regulations; he spoke of assignments that were given to the 2012 Parade committee members. Lastly, Chief discussed the present budget being in good shape.

Chairman Nuzzolillo congratulated the Chief and the department for coming in on budget in this tough economy. He stated taxpayers have sacrificed and there is only so much that can be done when it comes to public safety.

Chief Landisio then spoke of new business in the department. He asked for a motion to be made to approve the meeting dates of the Board of Fire Commission for the upcoming year 2011. Commissioner Criscuolo made a motion to accept the meeting dates for 2011 Board of Fire Commission. Commissioner Zuccarelli seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Chief Landisio then discussed the two (2) grants he applied for through the Safer Act, hopeful to hear something soon.

Chief Landisio discussed the good of the department. He stated that Grill Safety Day, the Memorial Day Parade and the Police Department's dedication all went well. Recently, North Haven Board of Fire Commission hosted the New Haven County Fire Commissioners Association dinner, a great time was had by all.

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked Local 2987 President Jeff Obier if he had any comments. President Jeff Obier stated nothing this month.

There being no further public business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved to convene an executive session at 6:50 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo moved to reconvene the meeting at 7:11 PM.

Commissioner Zuccarelli made a motion to extend the current hiring list through December 31, 2010. Commissioner Muzio seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Commissioner Muzio made a motion to accept the application of Shane Lawrence of West Ridge Company #3 as a probationary member pending medical approval. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Chairman Nuzzolillo asked if there were any public comments. There were none. Therefore, there being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Muzio moved for adjournment at 7:14 PM. Commissioner Criscuolo seconded.

Voted: Nuzzolillo-yes, Muzio-yes, Zuccarelli-yes, Criscuolo-yes, Fleming-yes

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Zuccarelli, Secretary

**Please Note Change In Room and Schedule Change:**

**The next Board of Fire Commission Meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2010 at the Park & Rec. Center in the Conference Room at 6:00 P.M.**